Drinking water in the Chirayinkil taluk.

198. * MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the places or *karas* in the Chirayinkil taluk where good drinking water is not available; and

(*b*) the action taken by Government to supply good drinking water in places referred to in part (*a*) during the course of the last two years?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*):

(*a*) 1. Koviltottam.
2. Kayikkara.
3. Thekkumbhagom.
4. Thazhampally.
5. Perumathurai.
6. Kadagom.

(*b*) As an experimental measure, two tube wells at Kovilvattam and Kayikkara have been taken up.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): With reference to the answer to part (*a*), may I know the total area of these places.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know the population in these places?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur cum Pattanapuram*): What is meant by saying that, as an experimental measure, two tube wells at Koviltottam and Kayikkara have been taken up? Have these tube wells been constructed?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): They are being constructed.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur cum Pattanapuram*): When was this construction begun?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) I am not aware of the exact date The work was stopped in 1109.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur cum Pattanapuram*): Why was it stopped?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Because the estimates had to be revised.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether any officer of the State has been deputed to conduct this investigation regarding the supply of good drinking water to places where it is necessary?

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): In answer to Mr. Changanachery Parameswaran Pillai's question whether the tube wells at Koviltottam and Kayikkara have been taken up as an experimental measure, it was answered that the work is going on. That is what I understand. Do these tube wells take any time to construct?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, Sir, they take time.

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MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): What is the time required ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot say exactly the time required for the same.

PRESIDENT: It depends upon the nature of the soil.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): What is meant by experimental measure ?

PRESIDENT: It is a measure to examine whether similar wells can be sunk in other places.

Tube wells in Kayikkara and Nedunganda.

194. ✱ MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how long it is since the work in connection with the sinking of tube-wells in Kayikkara and Nedunganda in the Chirayinkil taluk has been stopped ; and

(*b*) the sum of money expended so far (11-11-1110), in connection with the same ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Since four months.

(*b*) Rs. 963.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know when was the work in connection with the sinking of tube wells in these two places started ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I am sorry I am not aware of the exact date.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know the approximate date at least ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The estimate was sanctionsd in August 1930 and the work was started somewhere in Karkadakam 1108

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know when the work was stopped ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Four months ago.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Why was it stopped four months ago ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Because the estimate had to be revised.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Why was the revision of the estimate found necessary ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Because the original estimate provided for was found insufficient to get at the water level.

PRESIDENT: Water could not be struck at that depth.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): When did they find that the revised estimate was necessary ?

PRESIDENT: Since four months, it was considered necessary.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): How long would it ordinarily take for sinking tube wells ?

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